Any other Ministry/State Government may be requested to participate as and when considered necessary.

Further, the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the IMG are:

To review and coordinate measures for early completion of the major steel capacities and to address various problems concerning:–

(i) Infrastructure constraints related to ports, rail, road network.

(ii) Availability of iron ore and coal.

(iii) Speedy environmental clearance for project site as well as for iron ore and coal mining activities.

(iv) Availability of land, water resources and issues concerning rehabilitation.

(v) Any other item concerned with the major steel investments in the country.

(c) The Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) is constituted to periodically review, monitor and coordinate the issues concerning setting up of major steel investment projects. No specific recommendation has yet been made.

Formation of SPV

*350. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Working Group on Railways recommended for formation of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to commercially utilize vast space available at platforms and around stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the SPV is going to set up for major cities, including Hyderabad, as a first step; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Working Group Report for Railway Programmes for the Eleventh Five Year Plan has suggested that areas around the stations and vast space above the platform could be commercially developed through Public-Private Partnership. It has also suggested that new passenger terminals could be taken up through Public-Private Partnership on joint venture Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) model decided through competitive bids.

(c) and (d) Secunderabad is one of the 22 stations identified for development into world class standards through Public-Private Partnership; however, as of now there is no plan to set up a Special Purpose Vehicle for major cities.